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SUBJ: PROPOSAL BY THE IAEA DIRGEN FOR MEETING OF SENIOR POLICY
MAKERS TO ADVISE AGENCY ON REPROCESSING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

REF: STATE 314145

1. ON FIRST OPPORTUNITY SINCE RECEIPT REFERENCED INSTRUCTIONS
CONGEN INFORMED IAEC CHAIRMAN SETHNA TODAY THAT US HAS REQUESTED
INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND'S PROPOSED
FEB 28 MEETING ON NCULEAR FUEL REPROCESSING AND WASTE DISPOSAL.
DISCUSSION OF EKLUND'S PROPOSAL OCCURRED DURING A RUNDOWN OF INDO-
US BILATERAL NUCLEAR PROBLEMS AND SETHNA DID NOT COMMENT DIRECTLY
ON US REACTION TO EKLUND'S INITIATIVE, EVEN THOUGH CONGEN ADVERTED
TO THIS SUBJECT SEVERAL TIMES. SETHNA APPARENTLY WANTED TO CONVEY
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IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS NEITHER SURPRISED NOR DISAPPOINTED BY US
REACTION. HE SAID THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY DECISION ON MAJOR
NUCLEAR MATTERS UNTIL PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER HAS HAD A CHANCE TO
GRAPPLE WITH THEM AFTER TAKING OFFICE ON JANUARY 20.

2. COMMENT: SETHNA CLEARLY DID NOT WANT TO OFFER ANY SUBSTANTIVE
OR PROCEDURAL COMMENTS ON EKLUND'S PROPOSED MEETING. SETHNA

DEEPLY BELIEVES THAT INDO-US NUCLEAR PROBLEMS WILL HAVE TO BE
RESOLVED BILATERALLY SO HE WOULD NOT SEE ANY HOPE IN INTERNATIONAL
MEETING AS HELPING RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. ON OTHER HAND, AS HE
IS QUITE PREPARED TO JOIN WITH OTHER SCIENTISTS IN TECHNICAL
DISCUSSIONS OF REPROCESSING ISSUE, HE WOULD NOT WANT
EXPLICITLY TO THROW COLD WATER ON EKLUND'S PROPOSAL. CONGEN
BELIEVES THERE ARE REASONS FOR HIS NEUTRAL AND LOW-KEY RESPONSE TO
THE US ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF EKLUND'S MEETING.
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